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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON, AMMAN, TUNIS FOR CODEL STONE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (STONE, RICHARD B.)

SUBJECT: SYRIAN VISAS FOR CODEL STONE

REF: OSAF MESSAGE DATED 262300Z MAY 77

1. REFTEL ADVISED THAT CODEL STONE PLANS ARRIVE DAMASCUS BY
U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT ON SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 5, FOR A STAY
OF APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS. CODEL WILL DEPART U.S. TONIGHT,
MAY 27, EN ROUTE AMMAN ON FIRST LEG OF PARTY'S ME TOUR, AND
LATER TRAVEL ON MAY 30 TO TUNIS WHERE IT WILL PICK UP
ITINERARY OUTLINED REFTEL.

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2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SYRIAN CHARGE HERE HAS APOLO-
GETICALLY INFORMED CODEL THAT, IN VIEW OF FACT THAT PARTY'S
PASSPORTS ALREADY CONTAIN ISRAELI VISAS, HE IS UNABLE TO
ISSUE SYRIAN VISAS TO ITS MEMBERS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZA-
TION FROM DAMASCUS. GIVEN CODEL'S IMMINENT DEPARTURE, THERE
IS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR US TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY RE-

COURSE TO SARG THROUGH SYRIAN EMBASSY HERE.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD APPROACH APPROPRIATE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REQUEST THEM TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF SYRIAN VISAS TO CODEL (ON INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP BASIS) AT SOME INTERMEDIATE POINT, EITHER AMMAN OR

TUNIS.

4. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, YOU SHOULD REQUEST THAT A WAIVER OF SYRIAN VISA REQUIREMENT BE GRANTED TO CODEL THAT WOULD ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO ENTER SYRIA UPON THEIR JUNE 5 ARRIVAL AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT.

5. I NEED NOT EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO VISIT OF SEN. STONE TO SYRIA AND ASSUME SENIOR LEVELS SARG SHARE THIS VIEW.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SYRIAN REACTION SOONEST VIA IMMEDIATE CABLE, INCLUDING AMMAN AND TUNIS AS INFO ADDRESSEES. I HAVE INFORMED SENATOR STONE OF OUR EFFORTS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. VANCE

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